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Arcadia navigation channel maintenance dredging complete

DETROIT -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District working with MCM Marine located in Sault St. Marie recently completed a construction contract for \$39,250. The completed contract included construction of maintenance dredging of critical shoals, along an authorized federal navigation channel, in the vicinity of Arcadia.

This project, made possible through general operations and maintenance authority, is designed to provide safe water depths in the channel for navigation.

Throughout the years the Corps has been successful in planning and carrying out major erosion control programs, programs for flood control and flood protection, wastewater management, hydroelectric power development, and commercial navigation throughout the nation.

In this case the project is located within the mid northern/eastern shore of Lake Michigan. The City of Arcadia is located along the Lake Michigan shoreline, 34 miles southwest of Traverse City. The last time we completed similar work was 2002, and plans to schedule the next maintenance project are unknown.

The Corps has spent more than \$1.5 billion, to date, constructing navigation and other civil works projects through out Michigan. The total cost for the Arcadia project was \$39,250, which began June 2003 and was completed June 2003.

We are proud to be contributors to the economic and water resources in your community. Dave Gesl, the project manager, is the subject matter expert on issues concerning this activity and can be reached at (313) 226-7495.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District civil works program encompasses 93,000 square miles area of the lower Great Lakes basin in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ohio. The Corps operates and/or maintains 104 navigation structures in the basin. Its mission includes real estate transactions, flood control, regulatory activities, disaster response, and mobilization readiness.